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(CBM-4 FWCCON2 CPA)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Rueger *et al.*
ASSIGNEE: Creative BioMolecules, Inc.
SERIAL NUMBER: 08/937,756 EXAMINER: Robert C. Hayes, Ph.D.
FILING DATE: September 25, 1997 ART UNIT: 1645
FOR: MORPHOGEN-INDUCED NERVE REGENERATION AND REPAIR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is filed concurrently with a Request for Filing a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Under 37 C.F.R. §1.153(d). A check in the amount of \$435.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee for a three (3) month extension of time for a Small Entity pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, these documents are due on or before July 6, 2000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 00960-504 FWCCON2 CPA.

Please amend the above-identified CPA application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 1, lines 8-11, replace the existing paragraph, in its entirety, with:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 08/260,675 (filed June 16, 1994), which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 08/126,100 (filed September 23, 1993) (now abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 07/922,813 (filed July 31, 1992) (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 07/752,764 (filed August 30, 1991) and U.S.S.N. 07/753,059 (filed August 30, 1991), both of which are continuations-in-part of U.S.S.N. 07/667,274 (filed March 11, 1991) (now abandoned). --